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U.F.W.A. Entertain At Annual Dinner

Members of U.F.A. and Guests Enjoy Hospitable Event. D. W. Clapperton, K.C. Speaks on Post War Immigration

Mr. Clapperton's topic was Post War Immigration and he said that his hope was to express a few ideas which would stimulate thought and opinion along this line.

If Canada is to take her rightful place in the world, she must have a greater population, he said, but not in the uncontrolled form of 1919 and later. The qualifications for Canadian citizenship, the duties and responsibilities, must be made clear to prospective immigrants. Immigrants must understand that naturalization papers are required within five years of entering the country. "It is not fair to accept benefits without assuming responsibilities, and there should be no discrimination," he said.

He spoke of Canada's mixed population, regretting the common use of the word "foreigner" and believing that all should unite as one people and think of themselves as Canadians. Canada's citizenship is to great extent British, and the nation is founded on British traditions of justice and toleration which have developed through the years and must continue.

Not Race But Fitness

The speaker emphasized the necessity of careful selection and control in admitting future citizens to Canada. They should be chosen, not on the basis of race, but by reason of their suitability, adjustability and character. Those over fifty years are not suitable from the standpoint of adjustment. He suggested that a strict medical examination should be given at the point of embarkation, to avoid the complication of being turned back at Canada's gates.

Intending immigrants should be expected to have a fair understanding of French or English depending on whether they were to be settled in Quebec or other parts of Canada. The privileges of Canadian citizenship should not be given until the newcomer has some proficiency in the language and some ability to understand the affairs of the country.

In this connection Mr. Clapperton referred to the handicap under which many settlements suffer in their ignorance of the spoken language of the country. They are at the mercy of interpreters whose integrity may not always be of the highest. It can be realized what influence such enterprises hold at time of elections, and in all the associations with the new land. This makes a working knowledge of the language essential for good and active citizenship.

In advocating the need for greater population, the speaker said that past policy had been to take farmers principally, but he felt that a more balanced policy would be better. As the population grew, more industries would develop, and there is much to be done in the way of public projects such as irrigation, housing and such work, possibly under direction and assistance.

For greater awareness of citizenship, he suggested a national day, possibly Remembrance Day in which all Canadians would rededicate themselves to their country. He offered for consideration a tentative code as follows:

"As a citizen of Canada and in memory of the men who gave their lives for their country and to keep alive the faith for which they died, I hereby dedicate myself to the service of Canada and to that I promise to defend Canada, its constitution and its laws; to maintain and uphold freedom of thought, freedom of religion, freedom of speech and freedom of public avenues of communication; to do my best to inform myself about public affairs and to exercise my right to vote according to my honest convictions as to what is best for the country as a whole, realizing that I must do my part in helping to govern the country; to maintain myself in good health."

Mossleigh Loses Heavily In Fire

Home of H. Fredrickson and Grocery Stock Lost While He Was On Holiday; 5 Buildings Destroyed

Early Sunday morning fire destroyed a considerable portion of the village of Mossleigh. The property destroyed was the home of H. Fredrickson and his grocery stock in the building next door. The grocery building and an adjoining cafe were burned, and also a vacant garage and a vacant house. The latter was not completely destroyed and part of it is still standing. In that part of the village the only remaining buildings are the post office at one end of the block and a garage at the other end.

Mr. and Mrs. Fredrickson and their children were visting relatives over the Christmas holidays and their home was unoccupied. Firefighters did succeed in saving quite an amount of furniture from the house but his grocery stock was completely destroyed. It is not known if he had insurance coverage.

The report is that the fire was first noticed round 4 a.m. and that the Chinese cafe was the first building to collapse. But there is no information on where the fire originated. Once the alarm was raised the crowd congregated to form a bucket brigade and all possible measures were resorted to hold the fire within bounds. But flames spread rapidly and it was not long before all buildings were levelled. Before it died down there was a great crowd on hand.

Effort was made to reach Mr. Fredrickson by phone and wire, with the result that he returned Monday. It was an unhappy Christmas gift for all those who suffered loss.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

(Too Late for Last Week)

At the Christmas services in the United Church last Sunday the congregations filled the auditorium to capacity both morning and evening. They were greatly inspired and uplifted by the spirit of worship and the Christmas message through song and the spoken word.

The carol service in the morning was much enjoyed. The junior choir did excellent work. They reveal again this year a degree of excellence and thorough training that is most commendable. Their leader, who also plays their accompaniments, is Mrs. Thatcher, daughter of Rev. Dr. Robert Harvey of the Minnedosa United Church, Manitoba.

The choir dressed in their white surplices, entered by the front door and slowly marching up both isles, sang as a processional stately Christmas carols. After the invocation prayer the whole congregation sang the triumphant Christmas hymn, "Joy to the World." At intervals throughout the service many beautiful carols were sung very effectively.

A helpful message was preached from the text "They offered unto Him gifts, gold (our lives in His service) and frankincense (our prayers) and myrrh (the love and devotion of our hearts).

In the evening service, after the prayers were said and Christmas selections from the Scriptures read, the Christmas message was given, not through the usual sermon, but by the senior choir singing, instead, that beautiful Cantata by Holten "The Music of Bethlehem."

For over half an hour the choir, directed by Mrs. Campbell and accompanied by Mrs. R. Elves at the piano, thrilled the congregation by the singing of the solos, duets, quartettes, choruses and full choir work of this magnificent Cantata.

Those taking leading parts were Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Ina Buehler, Miss Francis Hawkins, Sgt. Reynold and Mrs. Robert Jamison. The choir did splendid work and very helpful messages were conveyed through the medium of song.

CAR CRASH NEAR ALDERSYDE

Last week a car collision occurred at the Aldersyde corner on the main highway in which all parties in both cars required hospital treatment. Mrs. Holden and Mrs. Devereaux of High River were driving south, and a car owned by Mrs. Biggelsaar of Turner Valley and driven by Mr. Bowe of Turner Valley was driving north. The cars came into collision, badly jarring all occupants. They were all removed to High River hospital by passing cars. Mrs. Holden suffered severe facial injuries and Mrs. Devereaux a bad cut on the head. All involved in the accident are recovering satisfactorily from their experience.

Brief Items of Local Interest

Ac2 Milton Lucas of Edmonton spent the holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lucas. Mrs. Marie Dahl was also a guest at the Lucas home.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Howes spent the long weekend at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. Durno in Calgary.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Saunders and family of Taber, spent Christmas at the W. Ritchie home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fitzpatrick were guests at the home of their daughter Mrs. W. Fletcher at Brant for the holiday.

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Pte. George Sales of Victoria, B.C. spent the holiday at his home here.

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The regular meeting of the Reid Hill W.I. will be held at the home of Mrs. Pete Bowie on January 11th. All members please take notice.

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Mr. and Mrs. Keith Horne were holiday visitors at the home of Mrs. Agnes McKay.

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Miss Margaret Hanson and Miss Opal Hanson spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Hanson at Rocky Mountain House.

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Miss Mary Catherine Armey of the University of Alberta is holidaying at her home here.

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Mrs. Mitchell of Calgary, is spending the week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. Wolfe.

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Q.M.S. Fred Simington of Edmonton and Lt. G. K. McLean of Calgary, spent Christmas at the former's home here.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. Gooder and small daughter of Lethbridge, spent the holiday at the home of Mrs. Gooder's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Ottewell.

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On Boxing Day, Mrs. W. S. Hill assisted Mrs. G. Todd and Mrs. Brodrick entertained at tea in honor of Mrs. Sturgess Davis (the former Roberta Todd) who leaves shortly to join her husband who is stationed at Rockcliffe, Ont.

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Miss Viola Loxton who has been teaching in the Edmonton district is spending the holidays at her home here.

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Cpl. Leslie Warden of Camp Borden, Miss Hughena Warden and Miss Frances Warden are spending the week with their mother, Mrs. G. L. Warden.

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Miss Gladys Anderson R. N. of the University of Alberta Edmonton, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Anderson.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. Williams and son of Milo and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Holmes and family of Red Deer were holiday guests at the T.B. Lebeau home.

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The Alston U.F.A. will hold a meeting at D. H. Galbraith's residense on Jan 6th at 2 p.m.

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Cpl. and Mrs. G. E. Hill of Edmonton, were Christmas guests at the Jack Hill home.

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Friends of Jack Hill will be pleased to learn that he is progressing favourably after a month's serious illness at his home.

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In a recent letter to his family F/O Ralph Clark sent greetings to everyone in Vulcan.

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Pte. Don Glover of St. Catherines, Ontario, who is stationed at Red Deer spent his Christmas leave at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Clayton.

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Mr. and Mrs. David Gillespie, Edmonton and Ac2 Donald Johnston, Rivers, Man. were guests at the H. W. Johnston home for Christmas.

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Canada will enter 1944 with the largest and healthiest cattle population ever reported at the opening of a year, is the official forecast at present writing.

Visitors at the Hansell home for the holidays included Mrs. Hansell's mother, Mrs. E. Maeers; Mr. and Mrs. Raynor and Miss Ruth Hansell, all of Calgary, and Lac. Howard Langille of Souris, Man.

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Miss Marjorie Schenck of Seattle, Wash., is spending the holiday season at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Schenck.

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Ac2 Frank Hoskyn of Edmonton, spent his Christmas leave at his home here.

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Miss Gertrude Krause of Calgary, is spending the week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. Krause.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carson and small son of Milo, are visiting with friends and relatives here this week.

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Guests at the W. S. Hill home over the Christmas holiday were N/S Eileen Hill of Calgary, and F/O Bill Blackbird and P/O Roy Motley of Pearce.

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Mrs. Alma Synge and daughter Marjorie of Calgary, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Fulton.

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Miss Joan Jantzie who has been attending the University of Alberta is home on holidays.

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Mrs. Les Marshman and children of Little Chicago and Mr. Jay Bowie and daughter June were guests at the T. Bowie home this week.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Donald and daughter Joan of High River, spent Christmas at the D. McAfee home. They were accompanied on their return by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Thomas.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. Campbell and small son Donald of Lethbridge, are spending the week with relatives here.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Elves and Donnie spent the holiday at the F. Elves home in Calgary.

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Mrs. Carol Wright of Macleod was a Christmas visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Marshall.

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Miss Gladys Vickery is spending the week at her home at Taber.

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Ac2 Bob Saunders of Winnipeg, Man., spent his holiday leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Saunders.

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Friends of Mrs. A. J. Maisey will regret to learn she is again confined to the hospital.

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Miss Esa Tuttle and her brother Jim of Lethbridge, spent the holidays at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Tuttle.

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Guests at the Ulrich home for the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ulrich of Edmonton, Lac and Mrs. John Wylie and small daughter, and Cpl. and Mrs. A. Linder of Calgary.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. Fleming accompanied by their daughters, Clare and Linda were Hanna visitors for Christmas.

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The many friends here of Lt. Stuart Munro of Calgary, at one time instructor for the militia at Vulcan and Nanton will regret exceedingly to learn that word was received by his parents Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Munro, Calgary, on Christmas eve that he had been killed overseas. He was killed in action on December 16th in Italy where he was liasion officer with the 2nd Division Brigade headquarters.

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Word has been received by the Advocate that Mrs. Hansen, sister of Mrs. Grace House, passed away Oct. 2nd at Topeka, Kansas. In writing Mrs. House asked that her best wishes be conveyed to all her kind friends in Vulcan. She stated that getting the Advocate was like receiving a letter from home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Hanson of Black Diamond, have been visitors at the homes of J. N. Johnston and Jack Hill.

OBITUARY

MRS. BENJAMIN B. DANN

Mrs. Mary Ann Dann, wife of Benjamin B. Dann, a well known resident of Warwick Village, died last Friday night at the age of 88 years. Born near Exeter, England, Mrs. Dann was formerly Mary Ann Dobbs. She came to Canada 59 years ago and she and Mr. Dann were married in London, Ontario in February 1884. They resided in Warwick township for the past 55 years. Mrs. Dann was a lifelong member of St. Mary's church W. A.

The surviving relatives include her husband; a daughter, Mrs. Bert Prince of Warwick Village; three sons, James and Benjamin of Vulcan, and Bertie Dann of Warwick Village. There are 12 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

The funeral services were held Monday at her late residence and in St. Mary's Anglican church, conducted by her rector, Rev. H.F. Cross. Interment was in United church cemetery, 9 sideroad.

Thorvald Estby Passes

After being ill since October, Thorvald Estby passed away in the Vulcan hospital on Sunday, December 19.

Deceased was born in Truskta, Norway, August 4th, 1865. The family moved to the United States where they lived until June 1907, when Mr. Estby came to Canada and purchased land near Cardston. He homesteaded near Travers, Alta., and has lived between the States and Canada since that time.

Mr. Estby is survived by nephews and nieces in the United States.

Remains were taken to Cyrus, Minn., for burial at the Lutheran church on Wednesday, December 29th.

Joseph N. Castator

Joseph Noah Castator passed away at his home in Champion on Dec. 25 after a short illness. He was in his 79th year and was born in Woodbridge, Ontario, coming to Alberta in 1906. For three years he lived at Nanton and then moved to the Champion district as a homesteader in 1910. He had resided there till the time of his death.

Surviving are his wife Mrs. Mary Jane Castator to whom he was married in 1892, three daughters and two sons. Mrs. H. Howerton of Champion, Mrs. C. Nielsen of Moose Jaw, Mrs. R. Barrager of Vancouver, Oscar and Russell of Champion. Also surviving are six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from Champion United Church on Dec. 28 with Rev. Peter Dawson in attendance. Pallbearers were P. Patterson, B. Schmilke, B. McRae, H. McNaughton, E. Griffin, H. Matlock. The Snodgrass Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Cora Rinehart, 82, of Star Route, Wenatchee, Washington, passed away after an illness of seven months. She was born in Ohio, Nov. 6th, 1861, and crossed the plains with her parents as a small child, locating in Umatilla, Ore. Co., where she grew to womanhood and was married to Benjamine Rinehart, of Umatilla, living there until 1905. She then moved to Vulcan, living there until 1920, when she left to make her home in Vernon, B.C. for seven years. Following that she went to Wenatchee to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. W. Turpin. She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

She is survived by one son, Christopher of Vernon, B.C., one adughter, Mrs. J. W. Turpin of Wenatchee. Wash., four brothers, Ira of Milsmore Ore., Phillip of Woodland, Wash.; Chester and George Croffutt of Goldendale, Wash.; three sisters, Miss Jessie Crofutt and Mrs. Jean Oliver of Wasnougal, Wash., and Mrs. Mary Wilson of Tacoma, Wash., also four grandchildren.

Mr. Rinehart died on January 17, 1934 at Vernon, B.C.

Funeral services for Mrs. Rinehart were held last Wednesday from the Jones and Jones Chapel; Elder of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, officiating. Burial was made in the Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

The following served as pallbearers Fred Weaver, Lewis Dolph, Albert Christensen, Edward Neel, Marvin Winter Sr., and Cecil Dolph.

Mrs. G. F. Hilton was the soloist and Miss Carolyn Sterling the organist.

KIRKCALDY

The Misses Leone and Lola Brown are spending their holidays at their home in Laverna, Sask.

Mrs. L. Schroeder is spending her holidays at Gadsby and Macleod.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Todd and Mrs. R. Sansome were Calgary visitors last week.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. A. J. Maisey is a patient in the Vulcan hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Lang have as their guests for the holiday, the latter's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Voverick, of Calgary.

Sgt. Donald Mallory of the R.C.A.F. who has been visiting at his home, left on Sunday for North Sydney, Nova Scotia.

Miss Cora Rinehart and Miss Edith Boose of Turner Valley are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Boose.

Miss Marion Munroe of Calgary is spending the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Munroe.

Awl Gweneth Williams of the R.C.A.F. in Calgary, spent Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Wilhite and family spent the holiday week-end at Claresholm with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Brinton and family were Didsbury visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brinton Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Hollister and daughter Betty spent Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. MacDougall of Champion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker and son Jimmie, were holiday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Bond of Champion.

Miss Norma Malakoff of Stavely, is visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Malakoff.

The Christmas concert sponsored by the Kirkcaldy school pupils on Wednesday, Dec. 22 was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by the parents and friends of the performers. Besides a good variety program by pupils, piano solos were rendered by Mrs. Walker and Miss Leone Brown. Two tap dances were greatly enjoyed by Miss Marjorie Parks of Parkland.

Immediately after the program, Santa Claus arrived and gave out the gifts and candy bags to the children.

MAYVIEW

Miss Ruth Nafzifier of Calgary, is spending the Christmas holidays at her home.

Wireless Operator David Corner of Rivers, Man., was a holiday visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Corner.

Pte. Donald Glover of Red Deer, spent his Christmas leave at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Clayton.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sharp and small daughter were Majorville visitors for Christmas at the home of Mrs. Sharp's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Greaves.

Mr. Gavin Hamilton of Waterton was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Richardson for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Stein and family; Mrs. E. Sinclair and sons, Mack and Allen spent Christmas at the J. K. McLean home in Calgary.

Friends of Mrs. William McGladdrick, the former Miss Christine Hunter of the district, will be interested to learn that she and her husband and family have returned from Saskatchewan to live near Ensign.

A Christmas party which took the place of concerts held in former years was held at the Mayview school, Dec. 20th under the sponsorship of the local U.F.W.A. A short program consisting of songs and recitations by the young people of the district, was much enjoyed. This was followed by games and dancing, after which lunch, candy, apples, etc. was distributed.

D. L. Doane was a business visitor to Calgary last week.

POST OFFICE RUSH

Post office employees have been all but buried under mountains of mail during the last couple of weeks and are only now drawing a calm breath.

There has been great receiving and giving this Christmas, and the unprecedented volume of outgoing and incoming mail was handled most competently and courteously.

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THIS is the first New Year since the outbreak of war that the term "Happy New Year" has promise of fulfilment. Clouding the prospect of eventual victory is the probability that many human lives will be sacrificed before victory can be realized. This means young lads from Canada, from this district. It means heartbreak and bereavement still reigning, but beyond those shadows is the gleam of hope that this most terrible of wars may be over or drawing to conclusion in the coming year. So when people say "Happy New Year," it is less of a mockery than it has been at the same time in the past four years.

War news, which after all, is the controlling factor of all lives in these days, has been almost consistently favorable for the United Nations in the past year. The Nazis have suffered steady reverses as the Russian war machine has reconquered vast areas of territory lost when Germany was in the ascendant. North Africa has been cleared of Nazi influence, and the one-time ally, Italy, has collapsed. German cities have suffered devastating destruction from allied bombing and the terrible U boat menace of the Atlantic has diminished sharply in recent months. As the year closes there is growing unrest amongst Nazi satellete countries, and German resistance in the face of continuing defeat on all sides, seems only a question of time. In the Pacific area also the picture is one of gloom for the Japanese, and encouragement for the Allies, with promise of more concentrated and vigorous action in the coming year.

Within our own country production has gone forward on immense scale, and internal activity has been dominated by war needs of Canada and the United Nations. There has been maximum employment and fair prices have been prevailing for the commodities on which this part of the country depends.

In our own district the year has passed uneventfully on the whole, with the busy daily round made up of all the little activities that constitute civilian living. The district has lost a number of very fine citizens, but their memories will live long amongst us. Several families have been called upon to face the tragic toll of war and are bearing the grief of loved ones lost in far lands.

But Canada as a whole has been supremely fortunate. For us there has been no smoke of battle, no privation, nor destruction. Our country is intact. The quiet rural homes and large centres of population have gone untouched by bombs, shock and devastation. Our men in armed services will return to familiar scenes, unless all present indications fail.

The year 1944 seems to be one in which greater attention can be given to planning a better Canada in which to live, a country in which returned men and women, and oncoming generations may have full opportunity to use their abilities for their own advancement and the advancement of the nation. It should be a strong and consructive year.

THE PRINCE OF PEACE

MOST REV. J. C. McGUIGAN, Archbishop of Toronto, writes of the coming of the Prince of Peace to this world, and the prophecies that heralded his coming; of that time when nations would beat their swords into ploughshares, "when nation shall not take sword against nation, and they shall not learn war any more."

Writing of those early prophecies, the clergyman says: "Prophecies take time for fulfilment. They are given to us to light our way and to encourage our steps, not to mark the end of the journey. But the work of peace began with the Birth at Bethlehem and has been going on without cease. Christ has given men who accept His religion a love of peace; He has given, here and now, to those who trust in Him, peace of soul which no physical conflict can destroy, and faith in the Prince of Peace, when it is practical faith that shows itself in love of others, gives the firmest hope we can possess that the day of a new world order will really dawn, that international peace will be effectively organized, that men will beat their swords into plough shares and nations shall not learn war any more."

ADVOCATE CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE—Registered Shorthorn Bulls ranging from yearlings to four-year-old. Apply Percy David of Claresholm, phone R2103. 20-2-p

FOR SALE—Three-roomed bungalow and three lots in Ensign. House is wired and close to school; good water supply. Will accept wheat for part payment. Apply Martin Lian, Parkland, or phone Nanton R1413. 20-2-p

FOR SALE—Van Brunt 18-run Press Drill and One-way 8½ Massey Harris Wheatland Seeder, power lift. Apply A. McKague, Vulcan, Phone R1205. 21-2-p

LOST—Blue fountain pen minus cap, on hospital parking grounds. Will the finder please notify Mrs. Roy Leslie of Mossleigh. 20-2-p

FOUND—Waterman Fountain Pen on Vulcan Streets, Sunday night, Dec. 19th. Owner may have same by calling at the Advocate office and identifying same.

WANTED—Applications invited from qualified teachers interested in substitute or temporary employment. Foothills School Division No. 38, High River. 3-c

AUCTION SALE

Last Saturday of every month. Bring your offerings in before noon of sale date. You are as sure of getting Massey Harris repairs in High River as you are in Calgary. Exactly same prices. Col. Hitchner, Auctioneer, Massey Harris Agent, phone 175, High River.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the friends and neighbors and the doctors and nurses of the Vulcan Municipal Hospital for the kindnesses shown our late uncle, Mr. Thorvald Estby.

—Nieces and Nephews of the late Mr. Estby.

CARD OF THANKS

Ronnie Dunham and family wish to thank the Hospital Staff, Drs. Carson and Almond and friends for their many courtesies during his recent illness.

NEWS OF INTEREST

There have been 449 Alberta schools closed because of teacher shortage. Pupils of 117 of these schools have had to remain home in other schools education is found elsewhere.

Forty thousand pheasants were shot this fall in the Brooks area. There were more hunters in the area than ever before, with shipments to U.S.A. greater than usual.

In a U.S. survey, the No. 1 want for after the war is a car. Other desires are new homes, house repairs, electrical fixtures, farm implements, rugs, clothes, etc.

Letter to Milo From Italian Front

Thrilling Experience of Wellington Dodge. Matrimonial Perils in Scotland

Not all of the perils of war are contained in the actual fighting. The story is going the rounds of a local lady who received word of the impending marriage of her son who is overseas to a Scottish lassie. "I am so glad" she remarked to a friend, "but I do hope that she can speak English."

An interesting letter was reproduced in Birtle, Manitoba Eye-Witness. The letter was written by Wellington Dodge who is a cousin of Carman Watt of Milo and Frank Watt of High River. Wellington sailed from Britain with the Canadian division which went into Sicily with the 8th Army under General Montgomery. Writing from Sicily, he says "Approaching Gibralta it was lovely to see the city lights of neutral Spain and Morocco, something I haven't seen for three years—city lights at night. Then on into darkness again and two days later in early dawn, jumping into water and small craft to get a foothold on Sicily. Then return to get vehicles ashore. Sky a mass of flame from guns behind, shore batteries inland and flares from planes. So here we are near the end of the Sicilian campaign. Clothes never off, wash and shave about once per week, a hole or cave to sleep in and everything o.k." Wellington tells of the joy of the Sicilians at release from Fascist terrorism—meeting the Allied soldiers with kisses and thanksgiving, but the poverty and famine of the people is beyond realization of those who have not witnessed it.

William Francis who is serving in the Postal Corp of the Canadian Army and stationed at Montreal, is spending Christmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. Francis of Majorville.

Boys in the various forces who were home for Christmas leave include Jack Heather of Dundurn, Sask.; William Strum of No. 4, R.C.A.F. at Edmonton; Wallace Fernley of Calgary and Raymond Fernley of Calgary.

Local girls who were home for the holidays include Eileen Hagg of Edmonton; Barbara and Valerie Taggart of Calgary; Mrs. Grace Fernley of Calgary, and Marion and Eileen Brown of Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Eller and Mrs. Adeline Aasgaard of Gildford, Montana, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Johnk and other relatives in the district.

Mrs. M. Monner and her daughter Mrs. Ross Bertrand of Onoway are home for the holidays.

Mr. Alex Hagg of Majorville has been granted permanent discharge from the army due to essential reasons.

Miss Madeline Wilson spent a few days with her parents at Piapot, Sask.

Visitors to Art Engen's include Agnes Engen and Mrs. Mary Hetherington of Calgary and Bill Engen of Halifax.

Ye correspondent has a record unique in its way. He has officiated as St. Nicholas at public entertainments for 18 years in succession with anywhere from one to four performances each year and is still in the early forties.

Each year of life is precious. Supposing this year were the last to be given you, how would you live it? Take that as your standard for the coming year. There is no higher ideal.

Social Credit Wins at Red Deer

The Red Deer bye-election, made necessary by the death of A. Speakman, Independent member for the provincial legislature, has been won by David Ure, Social Credit candidate. Mr. Ure was ahead of Wilfred Edger, Independent candidate, on the first count, and maintained his lead on the second choice count. The C.C.F. candidate, Edgar Johns, trailed the field. The standing at the end of the second count was 2539 for Ure; 2354 for Edgar. Johns who was eliminated on first count got 1362 votes.

The standing in the provincial house is now 35 Social Credit, 17 Independents, with one seat each to four other groups.

The C.C.F. had made great effort to win this seat, and the election was watched with interest in all parts of Canada.

The fact that the Social Credit party captured a seat which was previously independent, indicates the continuing strength of the present government. Mr. Ure won more votes than S.C. polled in the 1940 election, and the Independent vote declined by about 700.

In Time of Need Turn to The Bible

A Challenge or Consolation for Ev-Every Crisis of Life Contained in Books of Books

In the October 2 issue of the Saturday Evening Post there is an article by Pete Martin on the history of the Gideon Society and how it came into being. Its growth and the objective of placing a Bible in every hotel room; in hospitals, penal institutions and schools of America is told in detail. It all sprang from a meeting of commercial travellers in a hotel room, described as "one of the loneliest places on earth." The story of membership, financing and service well repays reading, but is too detailed to be reproduced. However, the appendix of the American Bible Society's Service testament offers these suggestions on "Where to look" in the Bible in time of need.

If you are facing a crisis read the 46th Psalm.

When you are discouraged think over Psalms 23 and 24.

When you are lonely or fearful, read over Psalm 27.

When you plan your budget, read St. Luke's Gospel, chapter 19.

To live successfully with your fellow men, follow Romans, chapter 12.

If you are sick or in pain, read Psalm 91.

When you leave home for labor or travel, carry Psalm 121 with you.

When you are very weary, seek Matthew 11:28-30; Romans 8:31-39.

When everything seems to be going from bad to worse try 2nd Timothy 3.

The best investment is described in St. Matthew's chapter 6.

When your friends seem to go back on you, hold fast to 1st Corinthians 13.

For inward peace consider the 14th chapter of St. John's Gospel.

For the care of the body, read 1st Corinthians, 6:9-20.

For those who are obedient unto death, Philippians 2:5-16

How to avoid misfortune, Matthew 7:24-27.

If you feel you have great gifts, read 1st Corinthians 12 and 13.

If you have been bereaved, there is a message in 1st Corinthians 15, and in Revelations 21.

For a stirring record of what trust in God can do, turn to Hebrews, 11th chapter.

If you are satisfied with being well-to-do, read chapters 15 and 16 of St. Luke.

If you have experienced severe losses, read the last paragraphs of Romans, chapter 8.

If you are having to put up a stiff fight, there is fine equipment listed at the end of Ephesians.

When you have sinned read St. John 3:1-21, and make Psalm 51 your prayer.

PERTINENT TOPICS

DISCUSSED BY H.C.

It will be just retribution if Germans are forced to go into the occupied countries to reconstruct the places they have devastated, because they drove Poles, French, Dutch and other subjugated peoples into conscript labor in the Reich. Stalin favors conscripting the Germans in the same way and he can do it in Russia but we fear that in England and perhaps France, the opposition of labor unions would be insuperable.

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We used to think that after the war, exiles like Thomas Mann, could be sent back to Germany to reconstruct that country on lines far removed from Nazism and militarism, but some one has resurrected an article written by him in 1916 in which he glorifies war and preaches militarism and extols German might after the manner of von Bernhardi. Now we have to begin again at the beginning in another effort to believe that there are Germans and Germans in Germany.

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There never, up to that time, was a better army than the German army that marched out to conquer in 1914. There never were in all history more formidable forces than those which started out on the same mission in 1939. The Germans are excellent soldiers brave, steady, determined, disciplined and enduring. The lust for battle is in the blood; war has for them a glamor whereas it is hideous to other races. In spite of their military advantages they were beaten in the other war and are being beaten in this. What meaning are they going to take out of this second defeat? Already the allies have deprived them of the use this time of the legend that they were not beaten at all.

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Will they unlearn the lessons taught them by some of their accepted leaders that war is an end in itself as well as a means to an end and that through military superiority Germans are destined to become a master race? Or will they learn that as millions of their ancestors left the fatherland just because of its military character, so all over the world there are hundreds of millions who will regard military superority as a sufficient reason for rejecting Germany as a master?

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Hon. Ian McKenzie scores the C.C.F. for its socialistic ravings, and it must be admitted that some members of that body rant almost as wildly and make as irresponsible promises as he did in his first election in Vancouver.

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The Thursday decision to pray on Sunday for Churchill's recovery showed supreme confidence in the Prime Minister's ability to carry on in the interim.

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The labor union racket is such that high pay and short hours and ideal working conditions are no insurance against strikes.

There is too much prophecy of hard times being an inevitable result of the war, writes an editorialist. Perhaps, but that is less damaging than the optimistic assertions that they won't come because they must not be allowed to come, and the easy planning to avert them by continued spending of public money on public projects. If the prophets of hard times scare people into saving their money now, they will have done something to mitigate the rigors of settling time.

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Five U.S. railway brotherhoods with a personnel of 300,000 employes, voted to strike on Dec. 30th unless their demands were met. Their leaders issued a statement saying they approve the strike, thoroughly aware of its immediate effects. If they wished to be explicit they could say they approve the strike because this is a good time to have it for several reasons: 1—it can strangle the war effort and allow Hitler and Hirohito to win; 2—winter is on with a shortage of fuel and thousands may freeze to death, and 3—other unions have done the same and got away with it.

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The limit was reached in Montreal when firemen and policemen went on strike and the Quebec government which controls the city through a Commission yielded to their demands. Outremont and other places had similar strikes or threats which will probably be settled in the same way. There is no more reason why civic servants should be unionized than there is for the military and naval forces. It is an exceedingly grave situation but the people generally do not seem to realize that it means rebellion against constituted authority.

Church Notes

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday school by post, broadcast over CFCN 7 to 7.30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30th. Collect, Epistle and Holy Gospel for New Year's Day, are those used on 2nd January when the service will be at 7.30. Church school will reopen at 12.15. Thursday is the festival of The Epiphany.

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SERMONETTE

As we approach the New Year we desire something solid to base our hopes on for the future; there is no certain knowledge of the future except as it is told us in the Word of God; even there, good is only directed toward us on condition that we meet with the conditions laid down there for us.

Here is one of the 32,000 promises given in the Bible: "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart" (Psalm 37:4). Here the condition is "delight thyself in the Lord," and the promise is "He shall give thee the desires of thine heart." What more can you want than heart's desire to be satisfied? By giving Him your heart, He can satisfy it. Why not do more than make a New Year's resolution? Make this step, give Him your heart so He can satisfy it. Comply with God's regulations to begin the year of 1944 instead of your own resolutions which fail.

By Dr. K. W. Neatby
Director, Agricultural Department
North-West Line Elevators Association

SEED SUPPLIES

Available stocks of seed oats and barley will probably disappear rapidly this winter. There is an acute shortage in eastern Canada; and in large sections of Alberta and northwestern Saskatchewan, frost damage has been serious.

We have completed germination tests on 407 samples of oats. Of these, 142 (34.9%) germinated 60% or less. 52 samples (12.8%) germinated 30% or less.

When To Get New Seed

If one's own seed is low in percentage and vigor of germination. If it is not the best variety for the particular district. If it is mixed with seed of other varieties. Or, if it has been badly damaged in threshing.

A good uniform stand can only be obtained with good seed. A poor or patchy stand is a cordial invitation to weeds.

How To Get It

Simply call at a country elevator in which the agent is an authorized distributor of seed for your own Provincial Crop Improvement Association. He has not only seed order forms; but, also information on officially recommended varieties.

The Crop Improvement Associations are sponsored by Dominion and Provincial Governments, Universities, Seed Growers' Associations and Elevator Companies.

What To Get

It is usually an extravagance to buy registered seed for the entire farm. Buy enough for a seed plot, the crop from which will sow the whole crop the following year. If it is necessary to replace all seed of one or more crops, it is usually wise to buy certified seed, which is cheaper, for the main crop, plus enough registered for a seed plot.

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When airplanes shoot straight and fast and enemy 'planes fall from the sky, the cartridges have his impress. His essence is in the huge shells that demolish the deadly submarines. His greedy feeding, his strength and vigor and warmth, are helping to win the war. Hail to the pig!

—Leamington (Ont.) Post and News.

Christmas Seals

On behalf of the Christmas Seals Committee, I wish to thank all those who have generously purchased Christmas Seals which has created a splendid fund to assist in the job of stamping out Tuberculosis, that dread disease that killed 24,000 in Canada in 1942. To those who received seals and have not bought them, a last appeal is made to assist in this great humanitarian work, carried on by the Tuberculosis Association of Canada.

W. B. WAY, Chairman
HIGH RIVER CHRISTMAS SEALS COMMITTEE

Bob Edwards "Eye Opener"

Concerning local commotions and chatter. Strangers accepted where old settlers demed. The sturdy game of golf. Reunion of the widely known Gump family.

The new livery stable facing on Refreshment street is going ahead rapidly while the addition to the Royal is even now ready for the housewarming dance.

The health of the town is mostly all that can be desired, the few who were on the sick list being all right again.

A station agent has been located at Nanton. This should prove a blessing to stray drunks from neighboring burgs who have occasion to wire for more money.

James Stansfield who met with the accident while figure skating on the ice is now almost recovered. "Saved, saved" I cried, "when lo to my horror her hair came off."

The Calgary Fish and Game Association has called a convention from all parts of the province to try to stop the terrible slaughter of fish and game. The following from this district have been called to convene in Calgary: D. E. Riley, High River; M Millar, Millarville; Col. Wyndham, Gladys; H. Banister, Davidsburg; J. Ockley, Priddis.

Rev. Wm. Barr is at Ottawa asking a bonus for bringing over 2500 settlers from England to form the Barr colony. He says he got commissions from the transportation line but that only came to $13,000 and he spent most of it in London. He wants his services to the country appreciated

Queer Blunders

Here are advertisements which we have picked up and stored away from time to time:

Gentleman wants shooting.

Our pies cannot be approached.

Wanted, a horse to do the work of a country minister.

Wanted, an organist and a lad to blow the same.

Gentlemen in this theatre will not use the seats till the ladies are seated.

Wanted by a young woman, passage to England. Willing to take care of children and a good sailor.

Chinese advertisement indicating that he is a baker "European loafer."

Must Be a Stranger

It is laughable the way Calgary takes complete strangers to its bosom. If you want to get into society, you must be a stranger with no local antecedents. If you want to tap the banks on shaky security, you must be a stranger with a smooth flow of conversation. To be familiarly known through several years' residence in Calgary is fatal.

Golf a Ladies' Game

We very much lament the tendency in Calgary and points south to laugn at golf as a stuffy old game. Many go so far as to call it a ladies' game. True enough ladies can play it, but any word implying effeminacy is entirely out of place. Golf is a purely scientific game requiring coolness, skill and careful execution. The brain, the eye, the nerves and the temper must be all in control, and will be strengthened by this fine game. It is one of the best outdoor sports that can be played and is for rich men and poor men alike. It is unfortunate that it is so conducive to furious swearing. Otherwise any Christian might play it.

Away from Riff-Raff

The Calgary Fair directors are said to be planning a Royal box for themselves in the grandstand. One of the directors naively remarked at a board meeting "Hang it all, we must be separated from the riff-raff." We presume the riff-raff who pay at the gate will be required to pass before the Royal box and do homage to the directors, before taking there lowly seats on the grandstand. It is satisfactory to hear that there is to be a press box also. This will have the desirable effect of protecting newspaper men who are easily contaminated from the terrible results of mingling with the riff-raff.

The Gump Reunion

On Thursday a pleasant reunion of the Gump family, who came over lately from the other side and settled at Cayley, was held at the home of William Gump. After a richerche dinner, a dance was held, with Billy Brown of Nanton calling off. James T. Swat of Gladys attended the reunion, favoring the company with violin and mouth-organ selections.

Thomas Gump of Gleichen attended the Gump reunion. He is a son of Oliver Gump who died with his boots on during a skirmish with stock detectives near Maple Creek a number of year ago, and a nephew of William Gump of Cayley. Ed. Gump and wife of Mosquito Creek attended the reunion. Rev. and Mrs. B. Gump of Willow Creek mingled delicately. It is proposed to hold an annual reunion of this widely respected family and all branches, so long as the Gumps hold out.

Urges Closer Welding of Town and Rural Life

Dr. J. M. Fawcett of Nanton, speaking at Rotary on the reconstruction that should come after the war, gave thought to the good fortune of this country where cities and town have suffered no destruction. He contrasted the situation in centres which have been torn to pieces with bombs and air attack.

In introduction he quoted from the Provost of Coventry, Rev. R. Howard, in a speech on the purpose of cities. The Provost said: "Cities, in form and structure express the purpose for which they have been built. Once on a time they were walled cities, built for safety from marauders. They finally grew into palatial and broad-avenued cities for the glory of victorious princes and their armies marching in procession. In the last 150 years they have become conglomerate masses of factories, docks, business houses, suburbs, built for commerce, industry, efficiency and progress. What cities they have been, grand in many ways, but in other ways so bad. Smoke laden, ugly, congested, slum infested, poverty stricken, uncultural, unspiritual. No wonder we cry with eagerness for a new Coventry, a new Plymouth. Insofar as they were bad, it was because the purpose for which they were built was not the best purpose. The true purpose is for full personal life of every individual of every class and age, and for the rich social life of the community. There must be provision for a good physical life, a cultural and recreational life, a good family life."

Continuing this idea, Dr. Fawcett said that in some respects we in this country will not find it so easy to reconstruct, because our cities, towns and homes still stand. We are inclined to feel that all is well. But we also need to revise, and if necessary tear down, in order to fulfil the aims of which the Provost spoke.

The badness he speaks of, has been ours and in a sense still is. We are still within vivid memory of unemployment and accompanying distress. Unless we plan it will all be back upon us. Every community should have committees at work now, planning a program which will not only provide work for all, but a full, rich, meaningful life for all citizens."

Civilization, he continued, has brought many blessings, but it has also taken away individual initiative. Radio and picture shows provide news debates, amusement and information with no personal search or effort. He suggested that reconstruction taking the form of making the community life more vital and personal, full of life and service so that young and old would feel there was no better life.

Proposals

He said: "I understand that you Rotarians sponsor the Boy Scouts. What is there for them when they grow up?" He suggested as an extension of a full life a library, gymnasium, swimming pool, landscaping, orchestral and chorus groups, theatricals and such outlets for ability whose success involves personal contribution.

What is being done, he asked, to bind urban and rural life into one strong unit? He was of the opinion that the country will never attain its best life until there are millions more people.

With this in view, he suggested committees to explore the productivity of community land, a possible diversity in products grown; a high standard of quality in what is produced. The possibility of greater development through better seed and better methods would raise all standards. Population alone will not bring better conditions. There must be continual progress in new products and methods. India is a pitiful example of huge population, starving through inefficiency. India grows 73 pounds of rice to the acre while Japan grows 2,307 and Egypt 2,879.

Decentralization of Industry

"One of the curses of our modern world" continued Dr. Fawcett, "is centralization of industry, leading to slums, poor housing, ill health. Industry should spread over the country and every town should seek to enlarge its self help by developing some industry. A group of Czechs went to Ontario, were set down in vacant land built up a new town and engaged in shoemaking. Probably the hides came from High River. Why should pianos be made in Guelph, or twine in Brantford? There are many such industries which could be just as reasonably be located in this country."

Moral-Religious Program

"No town will be good enough to live in, if it neglects to give clear leadership in those things which make for high moral integrity, and the true sense of values that are found only in religion. Unless people learn the meaning of life in terms of morality and eternal life, they are at the best only well trained and satisfied animals. Man was made for better than that, and communities will fail unless the church and all it proclaims is given prominent place in its life."

The speaker concluded his excellent talk by a poem by Edna Jaques on what the individual himself must do to make a happy community.

Hon. Solon Low, provincial treasurer and minister of Education, states the Dominion Govt. had been requested to renew a provincial treasury bill for $16,192,000 which matured on Dec. 2.

Britain has a heavy crop of war babies and it has been necessary to put a ceiling on baby carriages. They must go no higher than $75 either new or second hand.

When the U.S. took off the coffee ration it brought a decrease in coffee consumption, or at least in purchasing.

A group of Southern Albertans get re quainted on "Acquaintance Day" held at No. 19 Service Flying Training School, Vulcan, recently. Shown listening in as Sgt. Major Garvie puts a student through Link trainer manoeuvres are L. to R. Leo Spanke and Henry Dorch of Vulcan, H. F. Spence, Henry B usch and Henry Busch Jr. of Parkland, J. Murshel of Nanton, T. H. Hagerman of Park land and Awl Mary Haight. On the desk in the foreground is the "crab" the instrument which, by means of a red-ink pen, registers the course the Link operator follows. Over one hundred visitors from Vulcan, Nanton, Parkland and surrounding district were tak en on familiarization tours of the station.

Hog Deliveries At Calgary Better

New Increased Price Relieving Congestion. Ship to Toronto With a 50 Ct. Raise in Price

Decision to pay Alberta hog producers on the basis of 50 cents per head over the market price at Toronto, has gone a long way toward solving the export hog delivery congestion at Calgary and other Alberta points, it was stated in local livestock circles.

A shipment of 600 hogs left Calgary Dec. 16 for Toronto, representing the initial shipment under the new price level. Shipments will be made almost daily as long as the demand lasts and until local packing plants clean up on surplus deliveries.

Under the new increased price level, Alberta producers will receive practically the same price as they would receive if the hogs were purchased at the Alberta stockyards by representatives of Alberta packing plants. The 50 cent per head price increase will just about absorb the extra shipping freight costs and shrinkage on the long haul to the East.

Hogs are being received at the local yards to the extent of about 800 to 1,000 per day. The representatives of the packing plants will be given the first opportunity to buy but if deliveries exceed the local demand, shipments will be made up for immediate delivery to eastern points.

With hog marketings in the west reaching such high peaks it was impossible for western packing plants to handle all the animals, and as a result between 2,000 and 3,000 animals had to be shipped to eastern packing plants to be slaughtered.

Farmers whose hogs were shipped east, because they could not be handled in the west, received the eastern price for thir hogs less shipping charges. Some abattoirs had absorbed the extra freight charges.

But the inequity of one farmer receiving the eastern price for his hogs simply because they had to be shipped east, while his neighbor received the full western price had been considered by the meat board, said Mr. Taggart. It had decided to pay the 50 cents per 100 pounds so that the farmer whose hogs were slaughtered in eastern plants would net about the same price as the farmer whose hogs were slaughtered in western plants.

"The 50 cents is intended to cover the extra cost involved in moving live hogs east for slaughter. It is paid on condition that the farmer benefit from it and it is paid by the board to the abattoir that kills the hogs with the provision that they add it to the eastern price of the hogs," Mr. Taggart said.

The government order against the slaughtering of sows is still in effect, with the result that there is no demand for them at Alberta plants, although several small shipments have gone forward to the East.—Calgary Herald.

Ruthless Hun

(London Times)

The Germans are continuing their atrocities against civilian populations who fall into their hands.

Investigations by a Soviet commission at Orel after its recapture from the enemy revealed that more than 30,000 Soviet citizens and prisoners of war died in a concentration camp set up by the Germans in the town prison. Dozens of graves, each containing several thousand bodies, were found in the forest outside the city. Bodies of children who had been buried alive were discovered in ditches. In several camps and prisons there were cases of deliberate poisoning of inmates. The names of the German officers responsible for these barbarities are given.

From Poland news has been received in London that the village of Szallice has been razed to the ground and the whole population, regardless of age or sex, was shot. The pretext was that 14 Germans had been killed recently in the neighborhood.

Misleading!

Writing in Saturday Night, Anne Fromer says that much of the soil on Canadian farms is in poor shape, due most recently to the fact that to meet the wartime food emergency most farms have been "mined"—crops harvested without proper rotation and fallowing. She gives Dr. James as the authority for the estimate that by the end of the war one-third of all Canada's farm acreage will have deteriorated to the point where it will require three years of "doctoring" at a cost of several millions of dollars to restore the productivity.

About 70 per cent of Canada's farms are located in the three prairie provinces. There is no indication of any deterioration of the farm lands in these western provinces. In fact, there has been a larger percentage of land summerfallowed in the west during the past three years than ever before. Neither is there evidence of any exhaustion of fertility on the farms in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Last year in Alberta the wheat yield averaged just under 28 bushels to the acre, an exceptionally high figure.

Deanna Durbin, screen actress of Winnipeg, has got a divorce from the husband she married two and a half years ago. He criticized her film work.

Dr. Kellogg head of Battle Creek Sanitorium, and member of the Kellogg Cereal plant, died in Battle Creek at the age of 91 years.

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SEEDTIME and HARVEST

By Dr. K. W. Neatby
Director, Agricultural Department
North-West Line Elevators Association

Manitoba Farmers Set Example

It is difficult indeed to find topics for these articles of equal interest to all our readers from the Red River to the Peace River. Obviously, we cannot deal with matters of purely local importance. While this is really a salute to Manitoba farmers, it merits the attention of all.

Ever since this Department was organized, we have stressed, above all, two problems—*Weeds* and *Soil Conservation*. If you, in your district, were to organize a meeting to discuss prices, debt legislation, or farm labour, you would be sure of support. But suppose you were to arrange a meeting for the sole purpose of studying weed problems; how many farmers would come? Well, on November 30, the Minister of Agriculture for Manitoba called such a meeting. For nearly four hours, 136 farmers sat on hard seats completely absorbed with the problem of controlling leafy spurge. For three years, the Department of Agriculture has co-operated with municipal officials and other farmers in a program to conquer this weed. Fifty municipalities were represented at the meeting. Results of control methods by chemicals, by tillage and by sheep were discussed, and means for making the work more effective were studied.

Government agriculturists have learned that they must get better acquainted with the farmer himself. Farmers have discovered that the professionally trained agriculturist has something to offer. Leafy spurge is in for a tough time in Manitoba. The same spirit will defeat weeds and preserve soils anywhere, and these two goals can be reached no other way.

On behalf of the Line Elevator Sponsors, as well as on our own, we wish our readers a Merry Christmas and a New Year that will bring peace.

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Provincial TREASURY BRANCH

C. G. Davey, Vulcan

Cayley Resident In City Accident

J. W. Stephenson of Cayley was involved in an accident in Calgary last week in which the victim, Miss Bernice Forester suffered injuries from which she has since died. Reports are that the rear end of Mr. Stephenson's car was caught by a street car at an intersection, swinging the front of the car round and over to the sidewalk where Miss Forester was standing beside a steel post. The impact crushed her leg and her skull was fractured, injuries resulting in death on Monday after some three days of unconsciousness.

From what can be learned, Mr. Stephenson was in no sense to blame and was helpless in controlling his car through the impetus given by the colliding street car.

Mr. Stephenson is quoted in the city papers as saying: "I was travelling west on 11th Ave. and stopped for a stop sign at 1st St. W. I waited for a car to go by and then started up when traffic was clear. I was practically over the intersection when the street car hit the rear of my car, knocking it out of control. My car swung across the street toward the sidewalk where the girl was standing."

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High River - and - Vulcan

Siberian Wolf Near St. Aidan's

(From the High River Times)

It is common enough to hear about the "Wolf at the door," but it isn't often that it comes howling and sniffing at a church door. However a Siberian wolf has been prowling round St. Aidan's church, and his intentions were cut short in mid career the other day when he was shot by Billie Windiate and the foreman from the E.P. ranch.

It was a huge wolf measuring 7 feet 4 inches from tip to tip. He was a centre of attraction round the High River Motor Co. on Saturday, but has gone on to wider fields of usefulness.

The Siberian wolf is something of a rarity in these parts, and is said to be one of the worst enemies of livestock. The pelt is black with undershowing of gray.

It is understood that there is a $50 government bounty on this wolf, and possibly the Stock Growers' Association pays a bounty. The pelt will also be worth something these days. Most important of all is the fact that a powerful menace to stock has been removed.

Correspondence

Dear Sir:-

The negotiations which have been carried on previous to the announcement of the terms of the New Bacon Contract makes the western farmer especially wonder what objective the Canadian government had in view when they decided, apparently against the wishes of the British Food Board, to reduce the minimum amount of the previous contract by one-third.

The only incentive needed in Alberta, at least, in order to continue with the remarkable production of 1943 was an increase in price to somewhere near parity level. We had the feed and our farmers had installed a lot of equipment at high prices. Whatever objective Mr. Gardiner had in view when he announced that the reason for the drop in the contract minimum was that Canada would not be able to supply so much owing to a shortage of feed, we now know is causing a lot of apprehension to those who will have to bear the responsibility of cutting the bacon ration of the British people; and it certainly will not help the war effort. His action in this matter together with the bonus payments on coarse grains may result in helping to maintain Ontario's hog production—but at the expense of Alberta—with no benefit to Canada as a whole or the British people in particular.

Here is the situation. Ontario hog producers can now buy and feed western grains, less freight and less bonus, to hogs for which they receive an additional price of $1.95 per hog. This is the difference between eastern and western markets and the government does not pay the freight on western hogs going east for Alberta farmers, but it does pay the freight on western feed grains to supply Ontario feeding.

In addition to this feed and freight advantage the Ontario government pays a bonus of $1.00 per carcass on class A and 50c on class B hogs.

Thus the Alberta farmer who feeds grain of his own raising to hogs is at a double disadvantage. He is feeding a higher price feed which amounts to about $3.00 per hog. The difference in freight between west and east makes another $2.00. Therefore Alberta hog producers receive approximately $6.00 less per hog than does the Ontario hog producer. It looks as if once again the interests of the west have been sacrificed to an unwarranted degree.

With regard to maintaining the British bacon market after the war, there is a lot of clarification needed here. According to reports some of the Canadian bacon going over is too fat, but who is responsible for this? Not the Canadian farmer surely, because the heavy hogs which he ships receive a drastic cut if they are one pound overweight and this puts them out of the export class. Besides the farmer does not make the bacon, he only supplies the hogs and if the Canadian bacon is only graded as a third or fourth rate product on the British market, put the blame where it belongs, on the packer. They are blaming war time conditions for the lack of excellence in their product, but they did no better in peace time. If the bacon from Canadian hogs is made good enough, there should be no obstacle to holding the British bacon market.

The crux of the situation seems to be that Britain will have to get her bacon from a country which is willing to exchange goods for goods. Surely Canada is able to do this without worrying too much about the financial exchange rates.

W. H. CHILDRESS, Pres.
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CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Castator and family wish to extend sincere thanks to their friends for the many kindness shown at the time of their recent bereavement. Especially to Dr. Almond, Mrs. Mullen and Rev Dawson.

BERRYWATER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. C. Love, Marjorie and Frank were Calgary visitors last week

Miss Mickey Noble and Mr. Cogley Noble are spending the holidays with their parents at Okotoks.

Cpl. Allen Smith of Camp Borden, Ont., is spending a leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Smith.

Word has been received by Mr. Lorne Healy of the safe arrival overseas of his brother, Cpl. Lloyd Healy.

Church services conducted by the Rev. Mr. Wright on December 26th, were much enjoyed by a fair attendance. The next services will be held January 4th. Please keep this date in mind.

Miss Dorothy Adams of Calgary, is spending the season's holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith entertained three Airforce girls from No. 19 S.F.T.S. on Christmas day, namely, Miss Marjorie Harris, Miss Gertrude Duburil and Miss Lois Cochrane.

Charity Calf Club Distributes $7637

$3,418 Goes to Red Cross for Prisoners of War; $3,418 to Navy League; $800.00 for Special Donations

The statement of total receipts and expenditures in connection with the annual Foothills Charity Calf Club sale on November 6, shows that gross receipts were $7,672.50. This included gross amount from sale of 93 calves sold through ring of $5,477.50; amount from resales $1,375; cash donations $820.

Expenses were as usual held to a minimum, totalling $35.04. These included public liability insurance premum of $12.50; Nanton News $10.15; Okotoks Revew $4.20; High River Times $5.04; postage, telephone, etc. $3.15.

This left almost the entire sales proceeds for distribution, actual amount being $7,637.46.

In some instances donors stipulated that their contributions go for certain special donations. Altogether the sum of $800 came under this heading and was distributed as follows: $160 to Wood's Christian Home; $52.50 to Canadian Legion; $77.50 to Navy League Band; Women's Institute $50; Arrowwood Red Cross $232.50; Vulcan Red Cross $197.50; Navy League of Canada $30.00.

When this $800 was taken from the total balance of $7,637.46, it left the sum of $6,837.46. As decided prior to the sale this was divided between the Canadian Red Cross, Prisoners of War fund, and the Navy League of Canada. So each of these most deserving causes was enriched by $3,418.73 from the proceeds of the Foothills War Charity Calf Sale.

Sunrise Is Later After December 21

A popular misconception is that after December 21, the days should immediately start getting longer. We expect the sun to rise earlier and set later. The cold and terrible truth is that the sunrise is actually a little later for several days after Dec. 21, and it is not until January 10 that it recovers lost ground and rises at the same hour as it did on December 21. After that things run along smoothly with a little gain each morning.

On the other end of the day however there is slightly better showing. After December 21, the sun sets one minute later each day. By January 10, it sets 19 minutes later than on December 21, and after January 10 when it rises earlier and sets later, we begin to notice a difference.

This information comes from Whittaker's Almanac, the British authority on all such matters. It gives exact data to prove that after all it would be more correct to say that December 21 is merely the start of the shortest days.

The one redeeming feature of all this sad news, is that now we know why we don't rise with any more gusto on Jan. 10 than on December 21. It's because the morning is as dark and reluctant as it was on the so-called shortest day.

Funeral Services For J. A. McCartney

James Arthur McCartney of Blackie died in High River hospital on Dec. 17 after a brief illness. He was 68 years of age and was born in Kingston, Ontario. He came west in the early nineties and was associated with the Calgary Clothing Company for 25 years. He retired from active work in 1922 later moving to the Herronton district. Since 1928 he has resided with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walker. Mr. McCartney and Mr. Walker had been close friends since 1918.

Surviving relatives are one daughter Vivian at Kingston; a brother William and two sisters, Mrs. Micklijohn and Miss McCartney all of Kingston.

Funeral services were held from the Snodgrass Funeral Home, High River on Monday afternoon at 2.30 with Rev. J. E. Hoad officiating. Mr. McCartney was very popular in the community and there was a good attendance of friends at the service. Interment was in the Highwood cemetery with pallbearers Wilber Richardson, Bert Weber, Leo Cook, Wm. Dickinson, Joe Leslie and Alberta Swartz.

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I am also grateful to the Reverend Mr. A. E. Ruark of the Soldiers and Airmens' Christian Association who acted as my guide and shortened the time required to complete the canvass.

Very Gratefully Yours,
Roy P. Thompson
For The Blind of Southern Alberta.